

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES 21 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0021

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TO: Riparians (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of proposed aquaculture lease site Town of Newcastle and Paul S. Bryant, Harbormaster General and Case Specific Mailing Lists

The Department of Marine Resources is considering an application filed by Muscongus Bay Aquaculture for renewal of an aquaculture lease, DAM DP, located in Dodge Point, Damariscotta River, Newcastle, Lincoln County, Maine.

As required by 12 M.R.S. §6072(12), if you are receiving this notice by e-mail, copies of the application, site map, and public notice are attached. If you are receiving this notice by mail, copies of the notice and site map are enclosed. To view a copy of the application, please go to our website at http://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/pending aquaculture leases.htm. For paper copies, please contact us as shown below.

Tonie Simmons of Muscongus Bay Aquaculture has asked us to encourage you to contact her directly to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about the proposed future operation of this lease. Her contact information is:

Muscongus Bay Aquaculture Attn: Tonie Simmons P.O. Box 204 Bremen, ME 04551

Telephone No.: (207) 529-4100 E-mail: tonie@theoysterstore.com

As part of the renewal process, we offer the public a 30-day period within which you may submit written comments on this proposed renewal or request a public hearing. A hearing is not mandatory for lease renewals unless the Department receives five (5) or more written requests from interested persons before the end of the 30-day comment period.

Written comments or requests for a hearing regarding this application must be received by the Department no later than $\underline{May 13, 2016}$. Send them to:

Maine Department of Marine Resources Attn: Aquaculture Administrator 21 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0021

If you have questions, please contact Cindy L. Burke, Paralegal Assistant, at 624-6567 or cindy.l.burke@maine.gov.

Enclosures/Attachments:

Application Public Notice Map of Lease Site

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